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} Trademark Office, fax number (703) 872-9306*Application No.:* 10/603,488} on 6/10/04*Invention:* METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING POSITION OF A
LASER OF A MALDI MASS
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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